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Antisemitism and safety fears surge among U.S. Jews, survey finds

By TIFFANY STANLEY
Associated Press

Nearly two-thirds of American Jews feel less secure in the U.S. than they did a year ago, according to a new national survey.

The American Jewish Committee, a prominent advocacy organization, conducted the survey last fall just as the Israel-Hamas war began on Oct. 7. The number of American Jews who say they feel less secure in the U.S. jumped 22% from last year's survey. "This year's study shows us very clearly that antisemitism that was really just a simmering flame is now, especially since Oct. 7, a five-alarm fire," Ted Deutch, CEO of AJC, told The Associated Press.

The survey released Tuesday found one quarter of American Jews said they have been the target of antisemitism in the past year.



People attend the "NO FEAR: Rally in Solidarity with the Jewish People" event in Washington, Sunday, July 11, 2021, co-sponsored by the Alliance for Israel, Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith International and other organizations. The American Jewish Committee released a survey on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, that found nearly two-thirds of American Jews feel less secure in the U.S. than they did a year ago.

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Almost half of American Jews responding to the survey said they had altered their behavior during the past year to avoid antisemitism – changing what they wore, what they posted online or where they went so other people wouldn't know they were Jewish.

"I live in a rural area and my home is most likely the only Jewish home in a 30-mile radius," a 62-year-old woman is quoted as saying in the survey report. "We don't tell people and outside the home do not show that we are Jewish."

That reticence is "an enormous challenge for the Jewish community," Deutch said. "But it really represents a challenge for all of our society."

The survey comes as Jewish and Muslim civil rights and advocacy groups have reported large increases in harassment, bias and physical attacks against their members in the wake of the Israel-Hamas war.

Brian Levin, founding director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, said he has seen a surge in anti-Jewish and Islamophobic internet searches since last fall, including "eliminationist" and homicidal language.

Levin, who is not affiliated with the AJC survey, said anti-Jewish hate crimes hit a record high last year in sev-



American Jewish Committee (AJC) CEO Ted Deutch is seen during an interview, Friday, Feb. 8, 2024 in Boca Raton, Fla.

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eral major cities. "As Jews are understandably feeling more insecure, police and social science data back up why," he said.

The AJC began its survey five years ago, after the Tree of Life synagogue massacre in Pittsburgh, the deadliest antisemitic attack on American soil. Since then, most Jews and more than half of Americans say they think antisemitism has increased, according to the AJC.

This year's primary survey collected data from 1,528 Jewish adults in the U.S., while its companion survey

collected data from 1,223 U.S. adults. The surveys, conducted by the polling firm SSRS, had margins of error of 3.5% and 3.6% respectively. Jews between 18 and 29 were more likely to report being the victim of antisemitism. As universities grapple with antisemitism, around a quarter of Jewish college students or recent graduates reported hiding their Jewish identity or refraining from speaking about Israel on campus.

Most American Jews (85%) say the statement "Israel has no right to exist" is an-

tisemitic. A 52-year-old male respondent is cited in the report as saying, "Criticizing Israel's political policies (ex: treatment of non-Jews in the country, Palestinians for example) is not antisemitic. Saying that Israel should not exist, as a result of these practices, IS antisemitic." Most Americans who witnessed antisemitism saw it online or on social media, but only 5% said they reported it. More than one in five American Jews said an online incident made them feel physically threatened. "So it's not just some of

the memes or jokes," said Holly Huffnagle, the AJC's U.S. director for combating antisemitism. "This is real, vitriolic antisemitism that's affecting them, that's making them feel physically unsafe."

There is a growing awareness of antisemitism. Most American Jews and three-fourths of the general public now believe antisemitism is a problem in the U.S, according to the AJC. That number increases for non-Jews who know someone who is Jewish. About 90% of Americans said everyone is responsible for fighting antisemitism.

"That's a good news piece," Huffnagle said. "I think the question is, 'How do we empower the general public who sees the problem now in ways they hadn't four years ago?'"

Last year, the Biden administration released a national strategy to combat antisemitism, and the AJC is encouraging further action on those recommendations. Deutch, a former Democratic member of Congress, said they will keep working with the government to implement the national strategy. "But ultimately," Deutch said, "we're really looking to our friends, our allies in other faith communities, in our places of work, in our schools, to stand with us, to understand how we feel and to work together to fight antisemitism and in turn to fight hatred of all kinds." □

Flight attendants are holding airport rallies to protest the lack of new contracts and pay raises

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

Three separate unions representing flight attendants at major U.S. airlines picketed and held rallies at 30 airports Tuesday as they push for new contracts and higher wages.

The flight attendants are increasingly frustrated that pilots won huge pay raises last year while they continue to work for wages that, in some cases, have not increased in several years. They argue that they have not been rewarded for working through the pandemic and being responsible for the safety of passengers.

The unions are calling Tuesday's protests a national day of action. It is not a strike federal law makes it difficult for airline unions to conduct legal strikes.

The unions planned to picket at some of the nation's busiest airports in New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and elsewhere.

"We haven't had a raise in five years. Our flight attendants have seen the very rich contracts that the pilots did get, and they expect American Airlines to come to the table," said Julie Hedrick, president of the union at American.

Pilots had tremendous leverage in winning big raises because of a shortage. It takes years of flying for pilots to meet requirements to work for an airline. That is not the case for flight attendants. Airlines have bragged in the past about how many people apply when they advertise openings for flight attendants.

Tuesday's protests were organized by Hedrick's union, the Association of Professional Flight Attendants; and the Association of Flight Attendants, which represents crews at United Airlines, Alaska Airlines and several other carriers; and the Transport Workers Union, which represents crews at Southwest.

The unions have conducted strike votes to put pres-



Flight attendants and a pilot protest at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

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sure on company negotiators, but of course management knows that airline strikes can be delayed or blocked by federal mediators, the president and Congress.

Mediators have already turned down one request by flight attendants at American Airlines to begin a countdown to a strike. The union is seeking immediate pay raises of 33%, followed by four annual increases of 6% each. American's last offer, in September, was 11% upfront and annual raises of 2%.

At Southwest, attendants rejected a deal that their union negotiators reached with the airline it would have raised pay about 35% over five years.

Flight attendants also want to be paid during the time that passengers board the plane. Only Delta Air Lines, whose attendants are nonunion, currently pays during boarding. At other U.S. carriers, hourly pay for crews starts when the passengers are seated and the plane doors close.

American Airlines' September offer included half-pay during boarding time.

"We appreciate and respect our flight attendants' right to picket and understand that is their way of telling us the importance of getting a contract done

and we hear them," American said in a statement Tuesday. The airline said it intends to reach a deal that would put flight attendant pay "at the top of the industry."

Southwest said it reached "an industry-leading tentative agreement" with its union last fall, only to see the deal rejected. The airline said it is scheduled to meet with union representatives and federal mediators again next week "to continue working toward an agreement that benefits our Flight Attendants and Southwest." Union leaders say they need large wage increases to catch up with inflation. □

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Quick-moving winter storm brings snow to Northeast, disrupting travel and schools

By **DAVE COLLINS**

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A quick moving winter storm that hit the Northeast on Tuesday brought significant snowfall to some areas while others got less than expected. At least one person died, accidents were reported on slippery roads, airline flights were canceled or delayed and many school districts closed or switched to remote learning or at least tried to switch.

Some areas of Pennsylvania and Connecticut were blanketed in 15 inches (38 centimeters) of fluffy snow, while New York City's Central Park only saw about 3 inches (8 centimeters) of slushy snow, according to National Weather Service reports.

"It's been a quiet winter, so it's kind of welcoming," Ricky Smith said as he made his way to a construction job in New York City. "I just hope nobody gets hurt."

In New York City, the nation's largest school district opted to shift to remote learning instead of giving students and staff a snow day, sparking criticism by many. And when classes began, technical problems



Workers clear the runway as snow falls at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in New York.

prevented many of the 915,000 students from logging in, exacerbating the discontent.

Chong Bretillon, a parent in Queens, said she received repeated errors as she tried to gain entry to a Zoom room for her elementary school student, while messaging with dozens of other parents who were encountering the same problems. "I just spent almost an hour trying to log in and log out,"

Bretillon said. "Everyone's frustrated."

New York Mayor Eric Adams defended the decision to go remote in the schools, saying it was necessary because of learning losses during the coronavirus pandemic. School officials blamed the troubles on IBM, with Schools Chancellor David Banks saying the company "was not ready for primetime." IBM said in a statement Tuesday af-

ternoon that it worked with the schools and the issues "were largely resolved," but the company did not immediately respond to questions about what specifically happened and why. City officials said there were problems with authentication services. More than 1,000 flights were canceled Tuesday morning, mostly at the airports in the New York City area and in Boston. Accidents were re-

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ported across the region and several states banned tandem and empty tractor-trailers from highways. There were more than 145,000 power outages reported Tuesday morning in Pennsylvania and several thousand in New Jersey, but few outages in New York and New England, according to the tracking site poweroutage.us.

Authorities in Newberry Township, Pennsylvania, said a man operating a snowmobile was killed when he hit a downed utility line around 8 a.m. Tuesday during the storm. The cause and manner of death were pending further investigation.

At the time of the crash, police said in a statement that the area was "experiencing a multitude of weather related conditions due to a winter storm which caused downed trees, downed power lines and hazardous travel conditions throughout the area." Robert Bylone, 51, a university research operations manager from Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, was at home around 6 a.m. Tuesday when he heard a "splintering crack" outside his window. □

Treasury proposes new anti-money laundering regulations for investment advisers

By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration is rolling out new recordkeeping rules for U.S. investment advisers in its continued effort to clamp down on money laundering, illicit finance and fraud in the American financial system.

The Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network known as FinCEN proposed a regulation on Tuesday that would require investment advisers to develop anti-money laundering programs and file reports with the government when suspicious activity is detected by clients, among other things.

An occupation rife with regulatory gaps that can be exploited to launder money and hide illicit

wealth, new regulations for investment advisers would "level the regulatory playing field, protect U.S. eco-

nomics and national security, and safeguard American businesses," said FinCEN Director Andrea Gacki in a statement.

The proposal follows other recent announcements by the Biden administration that target financial crime. Treasury last week proposed a rule that would require real estate professionals to report information to the agency about non-financed sales of residential real estate to legal entities, trusts and shell companies. All-cash purchases of residential real estate are considered at high risk for money laundering. The rule would not require the reporting of sales to individu-

als. Additionally, the agency has rolled out a new database on small business ownership. The so-called beneficial ownership registry is expected to contain personal information on the owners of at least 32 million U.S. businesses.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said last month that 100,000 businesses have registered for the new database.

The investment adviser rule "will add further transparency to the U.S. financial system and help assist law enforcement in identifying illicit proceeds entering the U.S. economy," a FinCen news release states. □



The Treasury Department is seen near sunset in Washington, Jan. 18, 2023.

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A new report says the world faces a 'dangerous decade' as instability and military spending rise

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The world has entered an era of increasing instability as countries around the globe boost military spending in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Hamas attack on Israel and China's growing assertiveness in the South China Sea.

That's the conclusion of a new report released Tuesday by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, which also highlighted rising tensions in the Arctic, North Korea's pursuit of nuclear weapons and the rise of military regimes in the Sahel region of Africa as contributing to a "deteriorating security environment." The London-based think tank has compiled its annual estimate of the global military situation for 65 years.

"The current military-security situation heralds what is likely to be a more dangerous decade, characterized by the brazen application by some of military power to pursue claims evoking a 'might is right' approach as well as the desire among like-minded democracies



Ukrainian soldiers practice on a tank during military training in Ukraine Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023. Associated Press

for stronger bilateral and multilateral defense ties in response," the report said. Global defense spending rose 9% to \$2.2 trillion last year as Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, now entering its third year, heightened concerns that China and other militarily powerful states may try to impose their will on neighbors, the

IISS said.

The increase was even steeper in NATO, which has supported Ukraine as a bulwark against further Russian incursions into Europe. The alliance's non-U.S. members have boosted military spending by 32% since Russia invaded Ukraine's Crimean peninsula in 2014, the institute found. Ten Eu-

ropean members reached the alliance's goal of spending 2% of economic output on defense last year, up from just two in 2014. European defense spending received renewed attention in recent days after former U.S. President Donald Trump told a campaign rally that when he was president he told an

unidentified NATO state he would "encourage" Russia to attack alliance members that didn't meet their funding commitments.

"You didn't pay? You're delinquent?" Trump recounted himself as saying. "No I would not protect you. In fact, I would encourage them to do whatever the hell they want. You gotta pay. You gotta pay your bills."

Trump's remarks caused concern among alliance members such as Poland, where anxieties are high over the war Russia is waging in neighboring Ukraine. They also added to uneasiness over delays in the U.S. Congress' passage of a \$60 billion aid package for Ukraine.

Ben Barry, a senior fellow in land warfare at the institute, said Congress' failure to approve the aid would likely embolden Russia to adopt a strategy of grinding away at Ukraine's defenses and inflicting mass casualties.

The question for Ukraine's allies "is, do they really want Ukraine to win?" Barry told reporters. □

3 dead in bombing attack on Congo displacement camp as violence in the east escalates

By RUTH ALONGA
Associated Press

GOMA, Congo (AP) — A group of rebels bombed a displacement camp in eastern Congo's North Kivu province killing three civilians and injuring eight others, a local civil society group said Tuesday, as violence in the conflict-hit region sparked protests and a humanitarian group warned that thousands are facing limited access to aid.

A rebel group with alleged links to neighboring Rwanda, bombed the Zaina camp on Monday, which is 16 miles from the city of Goma, civil society leader Wete Mwami Yenga, said. The bombing followed days of attacks not far

away from the city. The M23 rebels did not claim responsibility for the attack but appeared to confirm Tuesday that

they were heading to the town of Sake which is near Goma. Congo's government and United Nations experts have said the M23



A woman who was wounded in ongoing fighting between M-23 rebel forces and Congolese forces in the Sake region West of Goma, eastern Congo, lies on her hospital bed in Goma, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

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group receives military support from Rwanda, although the country denies it.

"The M23 is coming to liberate them and protect them from those heavy artillery," the group's spokesperson Lawrence Kanyuka said in a statement, referring to their ongoing fighting with Congolese security forces. Thousands have fled their homes into Goma in recent days as the fighting intensifies and hospitals in the city are filled with injured civilians, many of them with limited medical care.

"That I'm lying on this hospital bed does me a disservice," said Ushindi Soleil, an injured father of ten receiving treatment in one of the hospitals. "I have ten kids,

they are suffering," said Soleil.

More than one million people have been displaced by the conflict since November, the Mercy Corps aid group said Tuesday. That adds to the 6.9 million who already fled their homes in one of the world's biggest humanitarian crises.

The group warned that major routes around Goma have also been cut off by gunfire and the sounds of artillery. "Aid agencies are now grappling with daily decisions on where and when it is safe to provide assistance amid reports of aid workers getting caught in the crossfire," said Emilie Vonck, Mercy Corps' country director in Congo. □

South Africa asks UN court to urgently examine Israel's targeting of Rafah in ongoing genocide case

By GERALD IMRAY
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa

(AP) — South Africa's government said Tuesday it had lodged an "urgent request" with the U.N.'s International Court of Justice to consider whether Israel's military operations targeting the southern Gaza city of Rafah are a breach of provisional orders the court handed down last month in a case alleging genocide. South Africa said it asked the court to weigh whether Israel's strikes on Rafah, and its intention to launch a ground offensive on the city where 1.4 million Palestinians have sought shelter, breaches both the U.N. Genocide Convention and preliminary orders handed down by the court last month in a case accusing Israel of genocide. Rafah is on the border with Egypt, which has warned that an offensive on the city now holding more than half of Gaza's population would bring disaster.



Palestinians inspect the damage to residential buildings where two Israeli hostages were reportedly held before being rescued during an operation by Israeli security forces in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, Monday, Feb. 12, 2024.

South Africa's government said in a statement that Rafah was "the last refuge for surviving people in Gaza." It asked the top U.N. court to consider using its powers to issue additional preliminary orders telling Israel

to halt the deaths and destruction there.

South Africa already alleged Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinian people in its war against the Hamas militant group in Gaza and filed a

case with the world court in December. A ruling on the genocide allegation could take years.

South Africa also asked the court to order a cease-fire by Israel, but the justices stopped short of that.

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In its new filing, South Africa's government said it was "gravely concerned that the unprecedented military offensive against Rafah, as announced by the State of Israel, has already led to and will result in further large scale killing, harm and destruction."

South Africa said it was asking that the matter be dealt with urgently "in light of the daily death toll in Gaza."

On Tuesday night, the court confirmed in a message on X, formerly Twitter, that it had received South Africa's new request. It did not comment further. If the court decides to hold another hearing on the request for further provisional measures, it would likely then rule within weeks.

Israel strongly denies committing genocide in Gaza and says it does all it can to spare civilians and is only targeting Hamas militants. It says Hamas' tactic of embedding in civilian areas makes it difficult to avoid civilian casualties. □

U.S. Virgin Islands pushes forward on stalled law allowing recreational marijuana use

By DÁNICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— A stalled marijuana law in the U.S. Virgin Islands got a big push Tuesday after an advisory board approved a list of proposed rules and regulations that would govern the recreational use of cannabis in the territory. The board's vote represented a key step toward implementing a law approved more than a year ago to allow the recreational use on the three islands. A 30-day public comment period on the proposed regulations and rules is scheduled to start soon.

"We have been waiting a very long time for this," Dr. Catherine Kean, the advisory board's chairperson, said.

The board also is finalizing a list of people it thinks are qualified to have their



A map of cannabis legalization in the U.S. glows behind flower displays at the Empire Cannabis Club, Nov. 16, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

criminal records expunged of simple cannabis possession, as authorized by the law. The list will be shared with legislators, the island's Supreme Court and others in upcoming weeks, board member Positive Nelson said.

Some 300 people in the U.S.

Virgin Islands have been convicted of simple marijuana possession in the past 20 years.

The board also is completing a registration system, with people who use cannabis for medicinal or sacramental purposes expected to have access to it by

April, according to Hannah Carty, the board's executive director.

Every two years, religious and faith organizations will have to pay \$200 to register, and medical practitioners will be charged \$250, officials said.

Businesses will be able to register by June or July, Carty said, adding that the government just completed a request-for-proposal process for seed-to-sale operations. However, cultivation and manufacturing licenses likely will not be granted before the end of the year, she said.

"A lot of things are not within our control," Carty noted.

While the U.S. territory approved marijuana for medicinal use in 2019, the recreational use that was legalized in January 2023 stalled for several reasons,

including wording of the bill and the cannabis advisory board lacking sufficient members for a quorum.

The law allows adults ages 21 and older to possess up to 2 ounces of marijuana, a half-ounce of cannabis concentrate and 1 ounce of products such as edibles for recreational, sacramental and other uses.

Medical marijuana patients are allowed to possess up to 4 ounces of cannabis, 1 ounce of concentrate and 2 ounces of products.

A minimum 18% tax will apply to all dispensary sales, although medical marijuana patients are exempt. Three-fourths of the tax revenue is expected to go to the general fund. Of that amount, 15% is earmarked for behavioral health programs, 5% to address homelessness and 5% for youth programs. □

Po-kè Ono - A Taste of Asia with a Twist: Exploring Flavorful Fusion



Amidst the vibrant paradise of Aruba, where turquoise waters meet golden sands, a culinary gem awaits: Po-kè Ono, the coolest Asian fusion spot that will whisk you away on an exotic flavor adventure. Experience an explosion of Asian tastes like never before led by the creative genius of Chef Urvin Croes, the mastermind behind Aruba's acclaimed Infini restaurant. Po-kè Ono serves up an enticing menu that blends traditional Asian flavors with modern twists, all within a cheery ambiance that exudes warmth and tropical charm.

At Po-kè Ono, diners can savor an array of flavors from the new menu items that stand out for their artful presentation and delectable taste. One of the highlights is the traditional Vietnamese Pho, a soul-soothing soup consisting of bone broth, rice noodles, succulent thinly sliced meat, fresh herbs, and zesty spices, making it an explosion of taste in every spoonful.

Another must-try dish is The Elvis Presley Bao, a playful homage to the King of Rock 'n' Roll. This fun creation features fried spam with sweet teriyaki, peanut sauce, crispy fried plantains, crisp lettuce, red onions, and a spicy kick from the Kewpie mayo. The combination of sweet, savory, and spicy flavors is a harmony that leaves guests coming back for more.

If you're craving a delicious fusion of Indonesian and Hawaiian influences, the Babi Sate Poke hits all the right notes. Indonesian-style pork skewers are served with rich peanut sauce, crunchy crispy onions, pickled cucumber, and creamy avocado, resulting in a medley of textures and flavors that captivate the palate.

Beyond the flavors, Po-kè Ono impresses with its thoughtfully curated ambiance that reflects the Asian fusion theme. With two locations in Renaissance Marketplace and the lobby of Azure Residence, the restaurant exudes a tropical and laid-back vibe, inviting guests to unwind and indulge in a delightful dining experience. The use of fun cocktail glasses and relaxed decor further enhances the sense of pleasure, making every visit a memorable one.



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Meet the culinary maestro, Chef Urvin Croes, the creative force behind Po-kè Ono and Infini. With an unyielding passion for Asian cuisine, rooted in his Chinese heritage, he sprinkles his magic on every plate at Po-kè Ono, crafting innovative and artfully delicious dishes. Having honed his skills in top-notch hotel restaurants and even snatching the title of 'Iron Chef Aruba's first winner,' Chef Urvin's culinary expertise shines through in every mouth-watering bite.

Promoting Aruba as a culinary destination, Chef Urvin sources ingredients locally whenever possible, supporting farmers who share his passion for quality produce. The result is a menu that expertly balances traditional recipes with modern techniques, elevating every dish to new heights. His love for food and the cultural stories behind each creation are evident in the passionate manner in which he prepares and presents his dishes.

Notably, Po-kè Ono has earned its well-deserved reputation as the number one restaurant on Tripadvisor Palm Beach, a testament to its success and popularity among locals and tourists alike.

Po-kè Ono is like a treasure trove of Asian fusion delights, all crafted with love and expertise by the one and only Chef Urvin Croes. You'll be treated to an array of dishes, from Pho to



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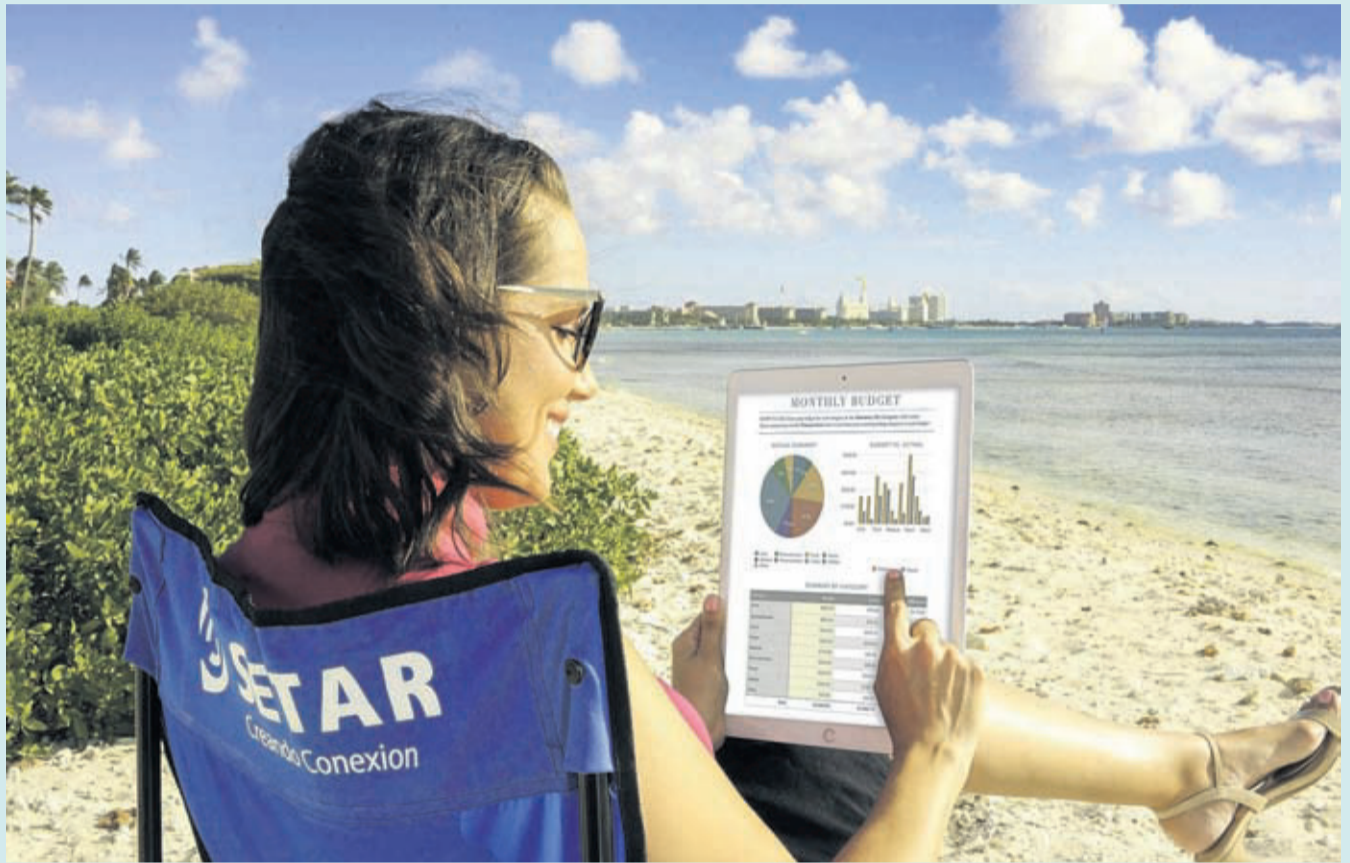
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Aruba Bank takes Winner of "Your Card, Your Pathway" Mastercard Campaign to Paris

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Mr. Andric Kock's entry into the "Your Card, Your Pathway" campaign has earned him the experience of a lifetime. As the grand prize winner, Mr. Kock and a chosen companion will embark on an unforgettable journey to Paris. The trip includes a roundtrip to Paris, a helicopter tour of the city, offering a unique perspective of its iconic landmarks from above and a private City Tour.

Aruba Bank together with Mastercard extends their heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Andric Kock on his remarkable win. The "Your Card, Your Pathway" campaign exemplifies the bank's commitment to engaging and rewarding its valued customers. By offering enticing incentives and unforgettable experiences, Aruba Bank continues to foster meaningful connections with its clientele.



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Rhythms Circus Company Aruba: putting Aruba's name on the world stage



Rhythms Circus Company Aruba is a talented group of young people working daily to present their art in the form of acrobatics, dancing, acting and singing. After an impactful participation in one of America's biggest talent shows, they are now bringing their amazing talent to Aruba!

In a show full of light, music, and with performances to famous musical figures like Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Tina Turner, the

group consisting of 15 people from various countries delights the audience with their artistic prowess at the Paseo Herencia Mall, every Wednesday and Friday starting at 7pm. Each day has a different show, so you can attend both nights for the complete experience!

RCCA also offers the possibility for you and your family to enjoy dinner before the show! Starting from 6pm, you and your family can delight from the wide-

grouped menu that includes a variation of delicious main course meals complete with a delectable flan dessert as a sweet treat. Enjoy your dinner even more at a VIP table complete with comfort seating!

The group, under the leadership of directors and creators Diego Jaramillo and Yamila Hernandez are opening the doors to the ballroom to our local audience as well as our visitors so that everyone can have the privilege of experiencing this wonderful show.

Hernandez explained that the idea for this project started in 2010 when she came to work in Aruba. After being on the island for a while she decided to stay and live here, and she met Diego Jaramillo, who is currently her partner. Together they came with the idea to establish a company together with other professional artists, with the goal

of living from their art. Hernandez says that the work is hard – all of the performers are professional artists, and while the production of the show is not a challenge for them, selling the idea proved difficult since at the time, there weren't any shows of its kind on the island.

America's Got Talent

Currently they are offering a show with music, choreography and at the end, they have a shocking acrobatics ending, one that was seen by thousands of people around the world when the group travelled to Los Angeles in the United States to represent Aruba in America's Got Talent. Hernandez said that the show was very important for them to meet the public present because people could experience this performance live and right before their eyes.

Their presentation in Amer-

ica's Got Talent "was incredible" and they were able to meet the jury and many other artists staying there for three months. But the exhaustion and physical toll was so great that Diego suffered an accident, and because of this, they had to cancel all future commitments.

Reservations and tickets

To make a reservation to see this incredible display of creativity and acrobatics, scan the QR code which will take you directly to their website for a booking. To find more information about RCCA, please visit their Instagram page @rccaruba. □



Best spots to view the sunset

(Oranjestad)—Today we celebrate Valentine's Day, and what can be more romantic than surprising your partner with a date watching the sunset. Aruba's sunset leave many speechless, and luckily, the best spots to view the sunset are entirely accessible and easy to find. Here are some of the best places to view the sunset on the island.

California Light House

Of course, being one of the highest point easily accessible to locals and tourists, the California Light House hill not only offers a tremendous view of the sunset, but also a breath taking scenery of most of the island. In the distance you can spot all the hotels,

the western shoreline and the wild waves that crash on the northern side of the island.

Manchebo & Eagle Beach

Speaking of the western shoreline, the best spots for viewing the sunset on the beach has to be either Manchebo Beach or at Eagle Beach, which stretch along the entire western coast of the island starting from behind Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort up to the Amsterdam Manor roundabout. The sunset on these beaches is truly breathtaking; the sky and ocean look so big and spacious, and paired with the orange/pink hue of the sunset, the white sandy beaches and the soft sounds of waves crashing—it can only

be described as an experience!*

Arashi Beach

Another beach that has to be considered as another great spot to view the sunset. Arashi Beach is the last beach you will find along the western coast line, just before you drive up the hill to the California Light House. A favorite for surfers and body boarders, the Arashi sky stretches out for miles, lending a spectacular canvas for the sun to create a masterpiece of orange, pink and purple hue.

Hooiberg Hill

These last two options are for more active couples. If you and your partner like to hike, the Hooiberg Hill may

be a great place for you to get your daily workout in and enjoy a beautiful view of the sunset and the island as a little reward. Climb on top the 587-step stairs and reach the top to enjoy this incredible scenery.

Casibari Rock Formation

If you're a rock climber, you might enjoy watching the sunset on top of the Casibari Rock Formation. It's no Yosemite, but it does offer a fun little exercise to get to the top. But if you prefer not to get your hands a little dirty, you can always use the stairs in the back.

Editor's note: This spot may be my personal favorite, if you couldn't already tell... □



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The legacy of J. Pandellis

Each week, Island Insight shares with you, through the eyes of Etnia Nativa, an experience way beyond tourist attractions and links the reader with the mystical aspects of the island, its culture, and its traditional heritage. This episode explains how our island made a significant and lasting impression on art.

Nostalgic-filled paintings of a peaceful epoch, reminiscences of historic moments, captured how Aruba inspired a vibrant and longstanding artist community flocking from all around the world, creating works that expressed an overload of mythical pigmenting smeared on a canvas of time from then till today.

Aruba's picturesque landscape has left a persisting impression in the hands of a very influential visiting artist, a Greek painter by the name of John Pandellis. He had influenced many locals and visitors to take on art. His poetic works have become legacies, showing a strong connection to island heritage.

Jean Georges (John) Pandellis (1896–1965), who first visited Suriname during the First World War and then left for Curacao in 1929, was one of Aruba's earliest art teachers. His many works are still sought-after and valued by collectors.

From stories we received from former island residents, we know that the talented artist, along with his wife and daughter, came to our island during the 1950s to rest. The family settled in the area of San Nicolas, and the peaceful pace of life immediately motivated him to overcome his boredom by asking the residents if they would like to take art lessons.

Impressed by the brush skills that Pandellis showed

in his works, several residents of the Lago colony immediately began taking art classes with him. Some of them currently surprise us with extraordinary private collections dating back to the time when oil from Maracaibo Lake was transported and refined on the island, holding many emotional anecdotes.

Pandellis' extraordinary technique and dedication made pupils who had never painted before follow his classes very attentively. Some of them became inspiring painters who would not only take the landscapes of Aruba to an international level but would motivate subsequent generations of their own families to follow this artistic tradition.

During Lago Colony's classes, one of his former students, Mrs. Edna "Eddie" G. Waddell, began what would become her personal career in painting. She has lost count of how many paintings she has produced, but she still remembers that she received \$250 for an island scene that she sold to an Aruban family back then. "I have given away at least 30 paintings," she said in one of her newspaper interviews.

Pandellis inspired Mrs. Edna "Eddie" G. Waddell not only to paint but also awakened in his student a passion that

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would immediately spread to her sister, Ms. Verna Burroughs, and later to the next generation of the family in the person of Mrs. Shari Cook, Mrs. Edna "Eddie" G. Waddell great-niece and owner of Art Creations Inspired Studio. The three paintings by John Pandellis that we expose in our article are part of the private collection of Diane, Tom, and Shari Cook, from North Carolina, United States. An incredible and indisputable pictorial inspiration that the Greek artist provided to Mrs. Eddie and that we invite you to check out by visiting Mrs. "Shari Cook's" Facebook page, where the influence of the teacher stands out in every brushstroke of the talented former student.

Certainly the passion for art in this talent family began in 1945, when Mrs. Edna (Eddie) G. Waddell and Mr. Clarence C. (CC) Waddell settled in Lago Colony, Aruba, remaining on the island for 18 years—a time when, without knowing it, the couple was laying the foundations for an unstoppable family artistic career.

The works of John Pandellis show the splendor of Aruba framed by the continuous movement of the Caribbean Sea, showing emblematic "pastel" tones full of nostalgia. Several originals of John Pandellis are also part of Etnia Nativa's private collection. Each one of his works has a moving story behind it that we will continue to share with our readers.

We encourage you to check out the weekly educational online episodes through Island-Insight, the more complete cultural blog of Aruba, and get to know that by getting to know the native feeling, you will love Aruba beyond its beaches.

If you are interested in connecting and really know all about your travel destination—our flora, fauna, geology, history, autochthonous art, as well as the true identity of the island—you should book a visit to Etnia Nativa, a unique native gem! Let Anthony, our acclaimed cultural columnist, guide and lecture you regarding the most interesting and revealing stories about Aruba's undiscovered native ethnicity, an adventure beyond beaches and tourist traps. Visit his magnificent dwelling that integrates reused materials with nature, bursting with culture and island heritage! Whats App +297 592 2702 etnianativa03@gmail.com



Aruba: the legend behind its name

(Oranjestad)—Most folkloric tales and legends in Aruba revolve around our indigenous ancestors, who came from mainland Venezuela, and discovered the island and made it into their new home. This particular legend tells the story of the birth of the Aruba name.

The legend follows the life of Arua, an indigenous Cacique originally from Aroa in the Falcon state in Venezuela in the year 50 AD. Arua had a son around the year 70 AD with his wife Shira, who they named Corobori. When Corobori was old enough, he joined his father on the usual boat trip to the islands of Curacao and Bonaire to gather salt.

On their way back to Mainland Venezuela, they were caught up in a heavy rain storm—a side effect from a passing, but far away, hurricane. Of course, because of the lack of motors and sail, their boat was left in the mercy of the heavy winds. After a while, the storm started to pass, and the clouds began to clear up. Finally able to see around them, the Cacique spotted land approximately an hour away. So, they started to row in that direction until they reached the coast.

Once they arrived on what they thought was Venezuela, they decided to stay the night and fix their kayak. The next morning, the Cacique ordered his son and a few warriors to go find any sign of population in the area: "Corobori," Arua said. "Don't come back without news. It's in your hands how long we stay here till we find our family. So, if you need to take a week to gather information, we will wait for you."

"Don't worry," Corobori replied. "As soon as we have any information, we will let you know." Armed with arrows and spears, backpacks filled with food and water containers, they set off. They climbed several small hills, but no sign of a village. They crossed different dry riverbeds, but no sign of anything. When the sun finally descended, they found themselves near a fairly tall hill and decided to climb it for a better view of a village. This hill was called Pan Dushi or Orcuyo, which today we call Hooiberg.

The next morning, they could clearly see that they have landed on an island, but an unfamiliar one at that. When Corobori went back to where his father was waiting, he told him the news: "Father Arua, you have just discovered an island, but it is not Curacao or Bonaire. Far in the south, we saw the big mountains of our homeland Venezuela, which we could have never seen on the other island. This leads us to believe we are on a new island. But that's not all. When the sun came up, we saw in the distance a glowing plain, which we think may be salt."

The Cacique was pleased to hear of his son's findings. He decided to stay a couple days on the newly-discovered island in search for salt. The next morning they ascended Hooiberg again and stayed to see if they could find nearby smoke, indicating an inhabitant village. But they found nothing. So they went back to their initial arrival settlement, now known as Santo Largo in Savaneta. The next morning they hiked along the Spaans Lagoen near the Mangel Halto Beach and reached the area of Bushiri. There, they boarded their kayaks and heading to what we know now as Malmok, where they found rocks of salt. After a couple days of exploring the island and gathering some salt rocks, they left for Venezuela, where they were reunited with their families.

Throughout the year, they travelled back and forth to Aruba, collecting salt. After a while they settled on the island, generations of families living along the coast. Corobori was the first indigenous inhabitant in our history to explore the entirety of the island.

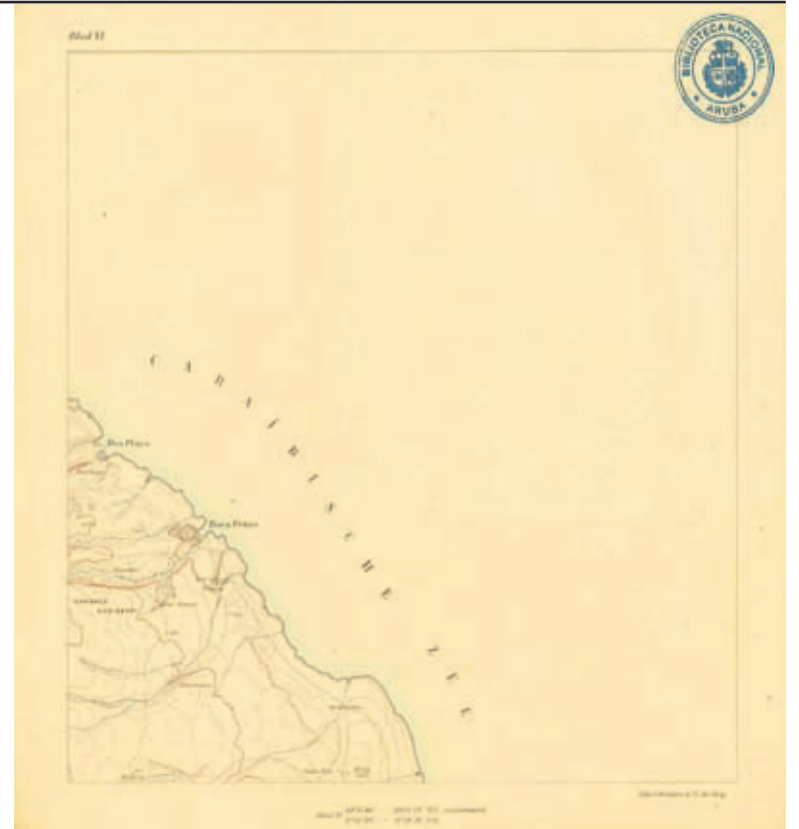
Arua, after decades as the leader of his tribe, spent his last days on the island. Having reached 80 years old, he called for his family on his death bed. In his hammock, he said: "My children, many years have passed, and I've asked my warrior to bring me back to the island so I can laid to rest. The God of living has given me the gift of life to see my son, grandchildren and great grandchildren. But now he is calling me home. Corobori, my torch is now passed to you. Guide our people, and be the leader you were always meant to become. If one day you leave my island, do not forget that it is also yours. This is my last wish: When I die, bury me in our maize plantation."

And so when the Cacique passed away, his wishes were granted and he was laid to rest in the area we now know as the Paradera Cemetery. Where he used to live, they built the Paradera Church.

And that is the tale of what inspired the Aruba name. In the generations that lived or travelled back and forth to the island, there were many familiar names*, like Guadiriki, a warrior who was there when the island got discovered and his son, whom he called Huliba; Corobori and his children, Corodori, Camacuri and Turibana, Masiduri; and Malmok, the 13-year-old boy who alerted the Cacique when the Caribes attacked.

Familiar names: all these names are familiar to Arubans, as these are the names of places and plants on the island.

Source: Un storia di e Indjan Arua (A story of the Indian Arua) by Adolf (Dufi) Kock



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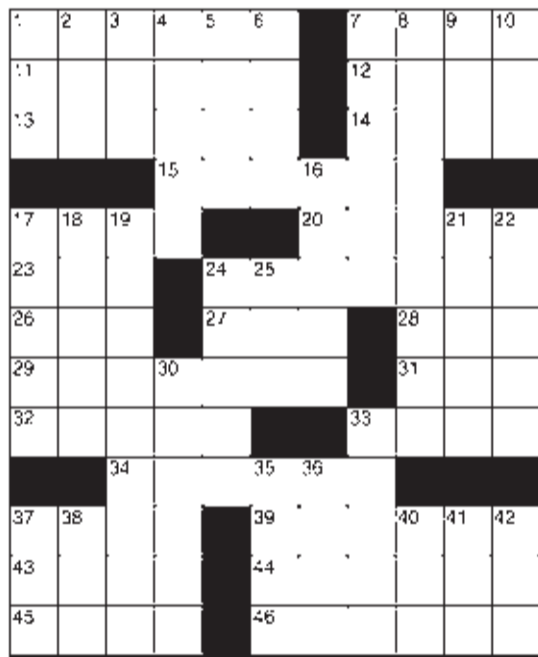
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU MAY NEVER KNOW WHAT RESULTS COME OF YOUR ACTIONS, BUT IF YOU DO NOTHING, THERE WILL BE NO RESULTS. — MAHATMA GANDHI

Open AI CEO warns that 'societal misalignments' could make artificial intelligence dangerous

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The CEO of ChatGPT-maker OpenAI said Tuesday that the dangers that keep him awake at night regarding artificial intelligence are the "very subtle societal misalignments" that could make the systems wreak havoc. Sam Altman, speaking at the World Governments Summit in Dubai via a video call, reiterated his call for a body like the International Atomic Energy Agency to be created to oversee AI that's likely advancing faster than the world expects. "There's some things in there that are easy to imagine where things really go wrong. And I'm not that interested in the killer robots walking on the street direction of things going wrong," Altman said.

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Does soon-to-be NCAA scoring leader Caitlin Clark need a title to be among game's best?

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Iowa's Caitlin Clark will soon be the NCAA's all-time scoring leader in women's basketball. That, in many minds, is enough to put the 22-year-old Iowa star among the greats of college basketball.

But even after passing Kelsey Plum atop the NCAA women's list and perhaps Pete Maravich on the men's side, does Clark need a national title to stand alongside the likes of Cheryl Miller, Diana Taurasi, Maya Moore and Chamique Holdsclaw?

"I do think she'll be up there," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "I do."

Clark, who's averaging 32.1 points this season, has 3,520 career points and needs eight more to pass Plum's record of 3,527 for Washington from 2013-17. The milestone is all but certain to happen Thursday night when Clark and the Hawkeyes host Michigan.

Clark also could pass Detroit Mercy's Antoine Davis (3,664 points) and perhaps even Maravich, who put up 3,667 points for LSU in three seasons from 1967-70. Staley was national player of the year while helping Virginia to three Final Fours from 1989-92. But she finished her college career without a title, something she believes should not take away from what Clark has accomplished.

The 22-year-old Clark excels in an era when the women's game is bursting with growth and new fans in the arenas and on TV, Staley said.

"Even the ones who are just starting to see her will be talking about her greatness," Staley said, "and that's something some of the other greats didn't have."

Pearl Moore, like Staley a member of the Naismith Hall of Fame, remembers too well how few people paid attention to the women's game when she



Iowa guard Caitlin Clark (22) adjusts her hair during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Maryland, Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, in College Park, Md.

played at Francis Marion in the late 1970s and became the most prolific women's scorer in history.

No matter where Clark finishes this season, she's unlikely to catch Moore's mark of 4,061 points from 1975-79.

Moore's total is not recognized in the NCAA's scoring list because she played in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW). No matter, she said: Clark has brought the game to a bigger stage.

"It's great to see so many people paying attention," Moore said.

Former Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw, who won two NCAA titles in 2001 and 2018 with the Fighting Irish, believes Clark has established her spot, whether she and the Hawkeyes win the national tournament or not. The lines of fans, young and old, can be both a joy for Clark to draw from or an added level of pressure for her to live up to. The greats, McGraw thinks, have that will to succeed within them no matter if there are millions, thousands or dozens watching.

"She has definitely met the

moment," McGraw said. Clark has seemingly kept a rational perspective publicly about chasing a championship. Iowa reached the title game a year ago by beating Staley's undefeated, No. 1 Gamecocks, 77-73.

But they were beaten soundly for the championship by LSU, 102-85.

Afterward, a visibly upset Clark said she wanted her legacy to be on her young fans and the people of Iowa.

"I was that young girl," she said. "All you have to do is dream and you can be in moments like this."

Clark has a staunchly loyal fanbase that will rise to her defense, something four-time WNBA champion and three-time league MVP Sheryl Swoopes found out this past month. Swoopes, who led Texas Tech to the 1993 national title, mistakenly pointed out that Clark should've broken Plum's record in four seasons when Clark actually will surpass Plum in fewer games.

Swoopes went on to say Clark dominates as "a 25-year-old playing against a 20-year-old." Iowa re-

sponded with a fact-checking post on X, formerly known as Twitter, that detailed Clark's career.

College basketball analyst Debbie Antonelli sees similarities in Clark's game and ability to improve the play of those around her to many of the greats who have NCAA titles including Miller of Southern California, Swoopes and Taurasi of UConn.

"The point is it's not like the super teams of the Connecticut and Tennessee era," Antonelli said.

"There were great players on all those teams but not one that has done what Sheryl Swoopes has done, what maybe Caitlin can do."

The basketball world has noticed. Four-time NBA champion and two-time league MVP Steph Curry of Golden State has enjoyed watching Clark's quick release on her shot and her stellar floor game.

"You can't help but watch where she's shooting from, the range, the confidence, the flare," Curry said. "She's a performer."

Antonelli and McGraw agree that Clark is more

than just a deep 3-point shooter. Antonelli said Clark has worked during her time in college to make herself unguardable. McGraw sees Clark as an accomplished passer; she moved past 1,000 assists — just the third ever to accomplish that among women — in a loss to Nebraska last Sunday.

"I don't understand why more teams don't double her," said McGraw, always the coach. "Who do you think's going to take the shot?"

Author Joanne Lonin, who wrote "Finding a Way To Play: The Pioneering Spirit of Women in Basketball," has followed Clark's rise and chase of the scoring crown. Is she among the greatest? "I think an interesting question: Is her star going to continue to shine?" Lonin said.

Clark has penetrated most every social media platform and even casual sports fans know who she is, Lonin said. "If she does well in the pros, she'll continue to be a household name" and enhance her stature among basketball's best.

Clark has a personality tailor-made for people to connect with for years to come, Lonin said. "She exudes confidence and I think she's really brought the women's game to another level of what's expected." □

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No team has returned to Super Bowl for shot at a three-peat but don't count out the Chiefs

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Travis Kelce is at his best on the Super Bowl stage once all the confetti canons have fired and the Lombardi Trophy is smudged by so many fingerprints and smooches.

That's when he finally gets to glare into the camera, narrow his eyes into a you'd-better-believe-it stare and warn all the naysayers to quit doubting the Kansas City Chiefs.

Maybe now everyone will start listening.

After the Chiefs rallied past the San Francisco 49ers 25-22 Sunday night to become the NFL's first repeat champion in nearly 20 years -- and the first team to win consecutive Super Bowls as underdogs -- Kelce was quick to show there's not an ounce of contentment in K.C. "Well, you know the goal has always been to get three," Kelce screamed after sharing a kiss with his girlfriend Taylor Swift. "How about that. We get a chance to do it three times in a row."

Odds makers are already saying it's a better bet that Kyle Shanahan and the 49ers will finally figure out how to scale that stage themselves a year from now in New Orleans than for Kelce, Patrick Mahomes, Andy Reid and that dominant defense to snare another Lombardi for their crowded trophy case.

After all, none of the seven previous teams to successfully defend their Super Bowl trophy even made it back to the big game for a shot at a three-peat.

The Chiefs don't mind being underdogs already -- or again, for that matter.



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) celebrates after the NFL Super Bowl 58 football game against the San Francisco 49ers, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

To win the franchise's fourth title, they had to beat Buffalo, Baltimore and the Niners, all of whom were favored, after dispatching the Miami Dolphins and former teammate Tyreek Hill on wild-card weekend.

The Chiefs traded Hill two seasons ago, something that was supposed to send them into reloading mode, if not a full rebuild or even a tailspin. Instead, they overcame the odds and so many obstacles to beat the Eagles in last year's Super Bowl.

Afterward, Kelce gleefully glared into the camera and delivered his message. "Not one of y'all said the Chiefs were going to take it home this year. Not a single one," Kelce hollered as Mahomes, the game's MVP just like he was on Sunday, looked on, smiling. "Feel that ... Feel it. And on top of that, next time the Chiefs say something, put some respect on our names."

Then, for much of the season it looked as if the crowing Kelce would be eating crow. Mahomes' passes kept ricocheting off his receivers' hands. His offensive line kept committing costly penalties. The Chiefs dropped five of eight games at one point, punctuated by their first loss to Denver since 2015.

Like most champions, the Chiefs had a hard time keeping the band together last offseason. Left tackle Orlando Brown Jr. signed a big contract with the rival Cincinnati Bengals and right tackle Andrew Wylie bolted to Washington. They were replaced by Donovan Smith and Jawaan Taylor, who turned out not to be downgrades, after all.

JuJu Smith-Schuster bolted to the Patriots and Mecole Hardman went to the Jets, although when Mahomes' targets caught a nasty case of the butterfingers,

the Chiefs reacquired the much-maligned Hardman, who caught Mahomes' winning touchdown pass in overtime Sunday night.

The Chiefs entered the playoffs as the AFC's No. 3 seed. They won at Buffalo and at Baltimore in the postseason the first road playoff games of Mahomes' career and entered the Super Bowl as 2 1/2-point underdogs, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

After defying the odds, the Chiefs are now talking about a third consecutive trophy.

The three-peat has become the pinnacle of sports accomplishment. The last NHL team to do it was the New York Islanders in the early 1980s. Kobe and Shaq led the Los Angeles Lakers to three consecutive NBA titles from 2000-2002 shortly after the New York Yankees won three straight World Series titles from 1998-2000. No NFL team has really

come close to joining those dynasties.

Seven have had the chance, including the Pittsburgh Steelers twice.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

The Packers actually won three straight titles from 1965-67, the last two of which became known as Super Bowls I and II. Phil Bengtson replaced Vince Lombardi in 1968 and went 6-7-1, starting a three-decade run of mediocrity before Reggie White, LeRoy Butler and Brett Favre arrived in the 1990s to revive Tittletown.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Don Shula's 1972 Miami team went 17-0, beating Washington 14-7 to complete the only undefeated season in the Super Bowl era. After beating Minnesota in the Super Bowl a year later, the Dolphins' dynasty came to an end with a 28-26 loss to Oakland in the first round of the '74 playoffs.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Terry Bradshaw and the Steel Curtain defense won four Super Bowls in six years, but they never had a real shot at a three-peat. Oakland drummed them 24-7 in the AFC championship following the 1976 season and they didn't even reach the playoffs in '80 after their second of back-to-back titles.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

After winning his third and fourth Super Bowls by dispatching the Bengals and Broncos, Joe Montana looked primed for a three-peat. But the Niners lost to the New York Giants 15-13 on Matt Bahr's 42-yard field goal as time expired in the NFC championship at Candlestick Park following the 1990 season. □

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